According to the latest available data, as on 30th June, 1985, there were 1,87,189 officers; 4.03509 clerks and 1,42,713 subordinate staff in28 public sector banks, No fixed proportion as such is maintained between officers and clerical and subordinate employees for all public sector banks.

Premature Retirements in Banks

*207. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of the nationalised banks have decided to retire prematurely a large number of officers; and

(b) whether this move has generated a lot of resentment among the bank officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Engineering Industry.

*208. SHRI ADINARAYANA REEDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to expand and modernise the engineering industry in the country;

(b) if so, the extent of World Bank loan expected to be received for the purpose;

(c) whether the proposal includes the installation of new industrial estates in the country in addition to the expansion of the existing ones;

(d) whether Government propose to establish new industrial estates in the States where such engineering industries are less in number;

(e) if so, what are the names of the States which have been identified for the purpose; and

(f) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) The World Bank have approved a loan of Doller 250 million for the Industrial Export (Engineering Products) Project. The ojective of the project is to assist the Government of India in carrying out its programme to increase competitivenes and exports of manufactured products, particularly in the engineering sub-sector. World Bank financing would cover the foreign exchange portions of eligible term loans made by ICICI and participating commercial Banks to engineering enterprises and ancillaries.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Recommendation of Tripartite Group on Brick kiln Industry

209. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tripartite Group on Brick-kiln Industry formed by Government has submitted itsreport; if so, when and what are the details of the recommendations contained in the Report; and

(b) whether Government have taken any decision thereon?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Group submitted its report on 31-7-84. A Statement is placed on the Table of the House. (*See below*)

(b) The recommendations of the Group require consultation with various Ministries and final decisions have yet to be taken.